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PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-15-55
November 23, 2015

**LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL
POLICY OFFICE**

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue wastewater discharge permits to the facilities listed in this notice. These permits are issued by the Department under the authority of 75-5-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA); the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.30.1301 *et seq.*, Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES); and Sections 402 and 303 of the Federal Clean Water Act. The Water Protection Bureau has prepared draft permits for the facilities listed below. Copies of the draft permits, fact sheet, and environmental assessments are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website www.deq.mt.gov.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT NAME: Town of Valier
P.O. Box 512
Valier, MT 59486

FACILITY NAME: Town of Valier Wastewater Treatment Facility

FACILITY LOCATION: 505 Curry Road
Valier, MT
Pondera County

RECEIVING WATER: Unnamed tributary to Bullhead Creek

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0021792

This permit is a reissuance of a Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit for surface discharge of treated wastewater to an unnamed tributary to Bullhead Creek. The unnamed tributary to Bullhead Creek is an ephemeral stream. The Town of Valier operates a recently upgraded four-cell aerated lagoon system with ultraviolet light (UV) effluent disinfection that serves approximately 465 people. The proposed permit will apply national secondary treatment standards for five-day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD₅), total suspended solids (TSS) and pH, and a limit on oil and grease. The proposed permit requires periodic self-monitoring of discharge quality and quantity, with monthly reporting of results. This permit and Fact Sheet will be submitted to the EPA for approval.

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APPLICANT NAME: City of Red Lodge
P.O. Box 9
Red Lodge, MT 59038

FACILITY NAME: City of Red Lodge Wastewater Treatment Plant

FACILITY LOCATION: 45°12'36" N latitude, 109°14'13" W longitude
Carbon County

RECEIVING WATER: Rock Creek

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0020478

This permit is a reissuance of a Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit for discharge of treated wastewater to Rock Creek. The City of Red Lodge operates a three cell aerated lagoon with ultraviolet light disinfection. The proposed permit requires treatment equivalent to secondary treatment for five-day biochemical oxygen demand and total suspended solids, and national secondary treatment standards for pH. The permit also includes water quality based effluent limits for bacteria, oil and grease, total nitrogen, and total phosphorus. The permit contains a compliance schedule requiring the City to determine the source of copper and zinc in the effluent and evaluate treatment and control options. The proposed permit requires periodic self-monitoring of discharge quality and quantity, with monthly reporting of results.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS December 23, 2015. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Permitting & Compliance Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS December 23, 2015 will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permits. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail the Department at DEQWPBPublicComments@mt.gov.

During the public comment period provided by the notice, the Department will accept requests for a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be in writing and must state the nature of the issue proposed to be raised in the hearing (ARM 17.30.1373).

The Department will respond to all substantive comments and issue a final decision within sixty days of this notice or as soon as possible thereafter. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (406) 444-3080 or by writing to the aforementioned address. The complete administrative record, including permit application and other pertinent information, is maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.